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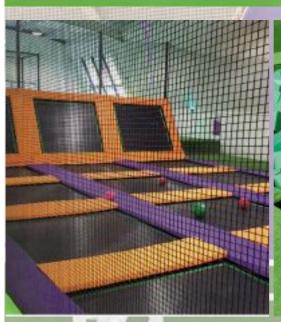
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GOING STRONG: Dad Chris Davey is raising money in son Mark's memory along with friends around £80,000, although

FAMILY and friends of a popular rugby player tragically killed in a crash on the A6 have made it their goal to raise £100,000 for charity in his memory – having already made more than £70,000 since his

death. Mark Davey died when his Audi R8 overturned on the A6 near Wixams in September 2014.

Before he died Mark, 33, from Luton, had been aiming to raise £30,000 for the Starlight Foundation, which helped him meet his hero Terry Sheringham while he was suffering from Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma when he was 12. He had already raised around £8,500, but within a few weeks of his death that total had risen to £30,000. It now stands at

his family and friends are determined to hit the £100k mark, which would mean the Starlight Foundation could make around 30 seriously or ter-minally ill children's dreams come true. Mark's dad, Chris Davey,

57, told *LoS*: "He was so proud to give his mum and dad 'his 30th birthday present to us' – a promise to raise £30,000 for Starlight. Sadly life has not allowed Mark to see him reach that goal."

Last vear a friend of Mark's ran the London Marathon to support the cause, and this year another pal, Mario Di Giorgio, director of Fratellis restaurant in Ampthill, will do the same.

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PCC's takeover th

BY NICK SMITH

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'HELP us with our funding or be taken over', is the warning to the fire service from the county's cop

In a letter seen by Luton on Sunday from police and crime commissioner Olly Martins to Luton Borough councillor David Franks, the PCC said he would be 'dutybound' to consider taking control of the fire service to save cash - with a number of collaborations already planned between the two emergency services

Politicians, firefighters and members of the fire authority have criti-

cised the idea, dubbing it a 'recipe for disaster'.

In the letter, Mr Martins writes: 'If

we are unable to deliver these col-laborative benefits with the existing structures I do not believe the public would be particularly sympathetic or understanding as to why two emergency services had proved incapable of sensibly working more closely together. In these circumstances I would consider whether the opportunity of assuming responsibility for the fire service would serve the public better.'
Paul Fuller, chief fire officer for

the county, said he was concerned about the potential impact on the fire service. He said: "I would want to ensure our resources are protected, so our funding would not be used on the police. We would also want to maintain the independence of our brand."

Last year, the PCC's bid for a 15.9 per cent increase in the police pre-cept was rejected by voters. On Thursday, the Home Office con-firmed Bedfordshire Police would receive a 0.4 per cent funding increase.

Steve White, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, said: "Officers from both emergency services already pull together, so why change the law? like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.'

Bedfordshire Fire Authority member, Luton Borough councillor David Franks, who quizzed Mr Martins on the subject this week, said: "Leaving aside any consideration of individual personalities, a take over of fire services by PCCs would be a certain recipe for disaster." His views were echoed by Pat Carberry, a firefighter and Bedfordshire brigade secretary for the Fire Brigades Union, who said: "Both services do very different jobs and are perceived very differently by the public. It could harm the opinion of the fire service being so closely tied to the police.

Despite repeated attempts we were unable to contact Mr Martins.

Schools probed

LUTON Borough Council has declined to answer questions on whether it knew about the existence of two schools inspected by Ofsted during a surprise three-week visit.

In two separate inspections, which finished on Friday and started on January 12, Ofsted looked at the council's children's services as well as a childcare and early-years provider.

A council spokesman said the authority had not asked the watchdog to visit the schools but when asked if it was aware of their existence, the spokesman said: "One site was registered with Ofsted as a childcare provider, the other as an early years provider. Both have been inspected by Ofsted in the past

The visit follows the watchdog's announcement last year that it would be launching a crackdown on unregistered schools across the country. It also comes in the same week that the Department for Education approved the building of a 1,200 capacity mixed-sex secondary school in the town.

A council insider told Luton on Sunday that during Ofsted's inspection concerns had been raised about the authority's social services department.

The insider said: "I know there are problems and concerns. A lot of it is in the allocation of children's cases to social workers.

"There's a shortage of social workers in there. Sometimes they are not given to the

right person or there is a long delay."

A former Luton social worker, who does not wish to be named, told LoS that morale was 'low' and workers were 'overburdened' by their caseloads.

Luton council said: "Social work caseloads have reduced and feedback from staff reflects this.

"Our agency staff cohort has recently been surveyed with favourable results about working for Luton and have fed back on how well supported they feel."

An Ofsted spokesman said: "We do not comment on individual inspections, however we can confirm we visited Luton Borough Council between January 12 and February 5.

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Take some pride: clean up your act

NOT so long ago, the Daily Mail branded Luton the UK's dirtiest town. It printed images of rubbish piled high and rats roaming free.

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But driving around Luton, it is diffi-cult to deny there are 'rubbish hotspots'; badly affected areas which bring down the standard of our streets. Last week, we reported an area

behind shops in Bury Park – now the subject of a council probe – which nobody wants to take responsibility for. Elsewhere, sofas, beds and bags of junk are left in hedges.

I am yet to be convinced by an idea to shut recycling centres if residents continue to dump (p5), but I can agree with cllr Shaw on one point: it is time fly-tippers joined the vast majority of Lutonians and took some pride in their town. You wouldn't dump rubbish in your own front garden, so don't so it on our streets.

Authority planning 3.95% increase in council tax bill

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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PROPOSALS to raise council tax by 3.95 per cent to bring in an additional £5.5 million a year will be discussed by councillors at a meeting tomorrow.

Luton Borough Council wants to put tax up by 1.95 per cent and also charge two per cent for adult

social care on top.

The rise would see band D property taxpayers fork out a total of £1,546.32 from April 1 this year, up from £1,492.27 last year. Councillor Andrew Malcolm, portfolio holder for finance, said the authority had cut £86.5 million from its budget since 2011 and was facing further cuts of £28 million over the next four years.

In his autumn statement, Chancellor George Osborne said all councils could charge an additional two per cent on council tax without triggering a referendum, but added that the money raised

could only go to adult social care.
Across the county the local
authorities for Central Bedfordshire and Bedford are also planning on increasing their tax by a similar amount.

Cllr Malcolm said: "As a council we are obliged to have a balanced budget. To be able to do that we need to ask the average household to pay the extra 73p to enable us to that and provide services,

which is an important thing.
"We provide some of the most vital services we cannot put our-selves in a position where we cannot do that.

"I think people will generally accept that when they know how significant it is.

If the proposals are agreed tomorrow and they also pass a meeting of the full council, taxpayers will pay the new rate from April this year, despite the council's tax collection fund running a £1.09m deficit.

Cllr Malcolm said: "Our collection rates have gone up each year with a current collection rate of 97.5 per cent and nationally the figure is 97 per cent.
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By Sam Potter

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Time to cut out rubbish dumping

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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NEIGHBOURHOOD recycling centres could be shut down if fly-tippers continue illegally dumping rubbish, a councillor has warned.

Tom Shaw (pictured), in charge of environment at Luton Borough Council, said cleaning up the increasing waste being dumped at the town's 27 centres was draining 'valuable resources'.

Last month Luton on Sunday reported on piles of packaging, sofas and refrigerators that had been left outside one such centre in St Dominic's Square, Lewsey Farm.

The authority has been criticised for charging £25 for bulky waste disposal but cllr Shaw said residents had to be 'more responsible' and stop dumping items such as car engines. He said: "We do not want to shut any of the centres and it's a very last resort.

"They are supposed to be neighbourhood recycling centres but we have examples of things like car engines being dumped there

"It's businesses taking the labels off the boxes because



CLEAN UP YOUR ACT: Fly-tipping clean-up is becoming 'unsustainable'

they have to pay private firms to dispose of it.

"Council officers are saying they will look at CCTV enforcement and everything else before looking at closing them down. They cost a fortune when you have a whole lot just dumped there.

Last year the authority spent £12 million on waste

than 1,200 tons of rubbish

than the previous year. Cllr Shaw added: "Our recycling centres are an easy target but we are warning people that we are going to be putting cameras there and will take them to court when we catch them.

"Every council is suffering from it but we are not prepared to put up with it."



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Centre 'sorry' for extra fee

A LEISURE centre has apologised to its pay-as-you-go members after some of them were mistakenly charged a £20 joining fee.

Houghton Regis Leisure Centre allows its users to pay £29.99 a month for their 'cash membership', which allows cancellations any time, as opposed to the £21.99 direct debit option

Last month some users who went to renew their cash memberships were charged extra and told it was due to it being phased out and replaced with the direct debits.

One member, who does not wish to be named, said the change came with 'no warning' and gave no choice to people who 'did want to be tied down to a direct debit'.

He said: "Most people would want pay-as-you-go but they are not being given an option.

"Once it runs out you just renew it for the following month but this time they decided if you wanted to renew again they would charge you £20 on ton.

"When I told the manager I had no warning about this he said I was warned when I put He also said that he did not have to advise me.

"But I said you have to tell me about these charges because otherwise how do I know what they are?"

A snokesman for Stevenage Leisure Limited, which manages the centre on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council, said: "We apologise for the misunderstanding and inconvenience to the few customers who were affected.

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Drowning was a tragic accident

THE death a man drowned in a pool while on his honeymoon has been ruled as an accident.

This was recorded at the inquest into the death of Luton man Mohammed Majid Malik at Ampthill Coroner's Court

Wednesday morning.

Mohammed Majid Malik,
28, from Overstone Road, Luton, drowned while swimming in a pool at around 1am during the trip to Dubai with his wife, Maira Shahid, on August 15 last year, only 16



days after they were married. Mr Malik's father, also named Mohammed, paid tribute to his son after the verdict was delivered, saying: "He was a good mannered man, a good son and a good person who loved football, swimming and keeping active.

"He loved eating out, which

was one of his passions. "He was a social person."

Despite the nature of his death, Mr Malik was known as being a strong swimmer and photos of him in the pool were taken the night of the incident

Ian Pears, assistant coroner, said: "It is recorded that Mr Malik died swimming in a pool at the JA Jebel Ali Golf . Resort in Dubai when he was alone in the pool and got into trouble, which is recorded as an accident.'

Train death not recorded as suicide by coroner

A LUTON Borough Council accountant's death could not be ruled as suicide as it 'was not clear he intended' to take his own life, a coroner has said.

Ashley Goodchild, 45, died after walking in front of a train at Leighton Buzzard Railway Station on July 29 last year.

However as his widow Michelle outlined at the inquest at Ampthill Coroner's Court on Wednesday Mr Goodchild was suffering from the after effects of a stroke, which caused him to act erratically

She said of Ashley: "He was a lovely person. He would surprise me with flowers when he got paid and we had lots planned for the future."

The erratic behaviour was taken into consideration by assistant coroner Ian Pears, who said: "Two factors are needed to confirm it as a suicide

"It is clear Ashley took his own life but it is not clear he intended to do so."

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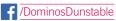






















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Trial halted as court waits for psychiatric report A SECOND psychiatric report is still being sought in the case of a man accused of serious assault at a Luton hotel, from which the victim has since died.

The case of Reinis Pupolins, 21, was listed at Luton Crown Court on Friday with the expecta-tion a psychiatric report on him would be ready, which has yet to be completed.

Mr Pupolins was arrested following an attack on Ashwin Desai, at the Hampton Hilton Hotel near Luton Airport on September 20 last year.

The married father of one from Ontario Canada, was left in a coma, from which he never recovered, and was pronounced dead on December 31 in hospital.

The case has been adjourned until March 11.

Group charged with shopkeeper murder

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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FIVE people have been charged with the murder of 47-year-old l shopowner Atul Shah. Luton

Atul was found dead at his home in Crescent Road on January 6 this year.

Luton residents Kyle Pitchford-Price, 22, of Dovehouse Hill; Luke West, 23, of Abbots Wood Road; Callum Holton 19, of Milton Road; Brian Edge, 56, of Harthill Drive; and Corrina Armstrong, 21, also of Dovehouse Hill, have all been charged with murder and conspiracy to rob.

They appeared at Luton Crown Court on Friday after being charged in connection



TRAGIC: Atul Shah (right) was found dead on January 6 this year

with the death on Wednesday. Their trial date has been fixed for July 25 and is expected to take five weeks.





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READALLOVER

THIS week we feature Furhaad Ahmed from Luton Mela, taking a break from organising this year's event to catch up with the latest in the

Last year marked the 10th anniversary of the festival, during which it spread over two days for the first time in Wardown Park.

While he is keeping it under-wraps so far, Mr Ahmed insists he has big plans ahead for the

Your Luton Letters on sunday

Village is unrecognisable

SO they are opening a new Dominos pizza in Wigmore Lane it seems.

Personally I welcome it. Let's face it. The lovely little village of Stopsley has long since gone.

Luton has been absorbing Stopsley for a long time now. We need more infrastructure. We have only one supermarket. KFC has only just arrived. We are going to be flooded out with new houses soon. I was born. in Stopsley, 57 years ago, it's not the place I recognise anymore.

. John Tucker **Bracklesham Gardens** Luton

Untrained on motorways

IT always amuses me when there are a spate of accidents - an army of arm-chair drivers all come out and start telling us how to drive safely. Unfortunately, and judging by the comments left on Facebook, nobody seems to have a clue. And that includes Olly Martins with his 'fatal four factors'.
Alberto Thomas

No trouble here guv

WHAT's going on? We heard that a peaceful demo took place through

There were no reports of any violence or serious public disorder. Neither were there any reports of damage to property. So why are the police canvassing for 'witnesses to come forward' with any information



about the event? Are they looking for trouble where there was none?

I've met several people who are as mystified as myself and who are seeing the insidious hand of 'Muslim

appeasement' at work again.
One recalled the case of the little Asian girl who accidentally killed herself by running into the path of a moving bus in Bury Park and all the hoo-ha and attempted finger-pointing that followed that.

Our police and crime commissioner keeps insisting that the force is undermanned yet this has all the hallmarks of a work-creation scheme.

I've never had a kind copper knocking on my door asking if I've been burgled or attacked recently so why this special treatment?

Ron Turvey Stanmore Crescent Luton

Rules of the road

IN 1969 it was advertised in the daily newspapers, that all drivers would be required to have lights on in all bad weather conditions; mist, fog, sleet snow blizzards, and rain, or any other adverse weather conditions. It's not a case of being able to see,

but being seen clearly and early by

other drivers and pedestrians. I was driving along the A421 recently in the rain with my lights on when a black estate car came by me with no lights on. With all the spray off the road it could hardly be seen. I flashed my lights as it went by but the driver was oblivious to my intentions. I know most drivers of today were not even born in 1969, but I think they need to be aware of this law.

BLOGGER OF THE WEEK: Michael Mullender-Francis

We are ready to listen

HEALTHWATCH Luton's new chief operating officer Michael Mullender-Francis is this week's blogger. His organisa-tion represents the views of local residents on health and social care. Michael says he is on a mission to make sure everyone's voice is heard.



IT has been nearly six months since I took up the post of chief operating officer for Healthwatch Luton, and it has been an excep tionally exciting and challenging experience.

Healthwatch is about local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of local services in health and social care, not just the people who use the service, but anyone who might need them in the future.

It has been in place since April 1, 2013, but 2015 saw some radical changes which shaped a new organisation ready for 2016.

Some of the original staff left, and as I took post last August, with the help of my chairwoman, we dissolved the old board, allowing space for more engaged and com-mitted people to help govern the organisation.

Then our long-serving chair woman Beth stepped down at the end of last year. This has given us the opportunity to not only recruit new staff but get new board in place. and we will be advertising

What Healthwatch does, that is so different to all other organisations working in health and social care, is engage with the full range of local communities across Luton, to enable them to access information and make their voice heard. We work in collaboration with existing networks, including neighbouring Healthwatch organisations

We essentially gather people's views and represent those views to try and influence decisions. We have a powerfully packed schedule for 2016 including:

- Reviewing and researching system wide complaints, including all organisations affecting health and social care in Luton. This will determine whether the complaints process for organisations is up to standard and react to people's needs.

 • Investigating and review-
- ing repeat prescriptions. We will gather everyone's views to ensure the processe
- work for the people.
 Review a range of services classed as High Impact Interventions; including care homes, rapid assessment teams, GP access, delayed transfer of care, and seven
- day services.
 Reviewing the current complaints procedures for various health and social
- care organisations
 Researching and investigating areas set for children
- aged up to five-years-oldAssessment of maternity services and stroke path-ways within Luton and Dunstable Hospital, following its CQC inspection.
- Reinvigorating our Young Inspectors programme, with potential for working with ELFT in supporting young people access mental health services.

 Our main aim in 2016 is to

get out to those 'seldom heard' voices and gather as many views as we possibly can. We have various ways in which the public can share their stories with us, to help shape the services they use.

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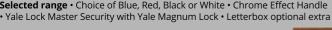
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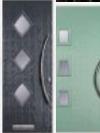














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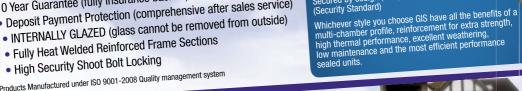
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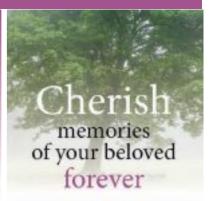
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Cash boost for water network

BY NICK SMITH

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ANGLIAN Water has announced it will be spend-ing close to half a billion pounds over the next 12 months to improve services.

The announcement was made on Wednesday, with Martyn Oakley, Anglian Water's director of customer and information services, saying: "We're keeping costs as low as possible for the long term while investing heavily in the region in line with customer priorities.

"Bills are back down to what they were three years ago thanks to the reductions we've made and the top pri-ority we place on being efficient and offering value for money

The largest portion of the money is going on reducing leaking from pipes run by the

group.
This is part of a £5bn investment plan stretching until 2020 which will see improvements made to a number of

ing sewerage, flood reduction and getting fresh water to homes across the region.

Anglian Water said it has listened to customers' con-cerns and that the money will be ploughed into the areas that customers say matter

most to them. Its five year business plan, to 2020, was shaped by 50,000 customers and approved by 90 per cent of those sur-veyed following the water company's biggest ever public consultation.



Decision on house to come in spring

THE future of a controversial house in Barton-le-Clay will be decided by a planning inspector later this year. Last year Central Bedfordshire Council asked Syed Shah to demolish part of his house after refusing him planning permission for an extension it said was too large.

The case was referred to the Planning Inspectorate and a site



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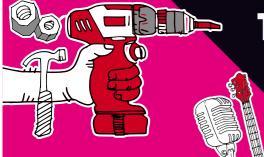






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Targets ready for anti-social drive

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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NUISANCE bikers and anti-social behaviour will be among the top priorities for the town's Community Safety Partnership over the next three years.

A high volume of reports about anti-social behaviour, 12,000 annually, has led the partnership to draw up a list of issues it wants to focus on closely between now and 2019

The issues came from a survey in which residents and victims spoke about the issues most affecting them.

The taskforce wants to reduce youth-related ASB reports by 20 per cent, nuisance bikers by 33 per cent; nuisance neighbours by 10 per

cent and town centre ASB by 25 per cent.
Luton councillors will discuss the proposals at a meeting tomorrow where they are expected to give voice their support for the partner-

ship's proposals.

Neill Waring, Bedfordshire Police's chief inspector for community safety, said: "Bedfordshire Police, Luton Borough Council and our partners in the Community Safety Partnership are being forthright and clear in what our objectives are for the coming year's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

"We are pledging to target specific issues which we have identified as being of concern to the Luton community, in particular off-road biking and nuisance behaviour in the town centre

"We have listened to the concerns of residents and are committed to jointly tackling these problem areas."

Right up your street

Growing town looks to battle tor new names



Howard Chandler looks at how Cardigan Street came by its unusual name..

BY the late 1870s Luton had grown to be a

town housing over 25,000 people.

New roads were laid out and houses built to accommodate people moving from surrounding villages. They swapped life as agricultural labourers for work in the hat trade or the new industrial businesses such as Hayward Tyler.
One of the new streets was Cardigan Street,

an unnamed dotted line parallel to Inkerman Street on the 1876 map named by the 1881

Lieutenant General James Thomas Brudenell. 7th Earl of Cardigan, KCB (1797 – 1868) com-manded the Light Brigade in the Crimean War. His reputation was high when he returned from the conflict but has been subject to reas-sessment since, as indicated by the title of a 1997 book about him – The Homicidal Earl. It illustrates a problem when commemorating people soon after their deaths.

Some say Cardigans lasting claim to fame is giving his name to the buttoned item of clothing he wore in the Crimea.

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BY CARL MUNGAZI

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FROM April 1 this year, staff at Luton Borough Council will be paid the Foundation Living Wage of

£8.25 per hour.

The rate, which is expected to benefit around 380 workers, including cooks, street cleaners and school crossing guards, was agreed last month by councillors as a sign of their 'commitment' to the town hall workforce

But it will not be extended to staff at schools under the council's authority after headteachers chose not to follow suit.

Unlike the government's mandatory national living wage which will be introduced this April at a rate of £7.20 for workers aged 25 and over, the Foundation Living Wage is a separate, volun-tary rate employers can pay to staff aged 18 and over.

It is set by the Living Wage Foundation and is based on the cost of living while the Low Pay Commission is



responsible for setting he government standard according to average earnings.

At a meeting last December think? headteachers **Z** Email editor@ expressed con-cern that the council's recom-mendation would add pressure to already stretched budgets.

What

Councillor Mahmood Hussain, the portfolio holder for education who was at the meeting, said he 'understood' the issues raised by schools.

However, he added that they had to prepare for its introduction by law later this year and its potential rise to £9 by 2020.

Cllr Hussain said: "We as a local authority are committed to the living wage and we have given our commit-ment to the workforce but we would encourage schools to do that also because it will soon be a legal requirement, so if they do it in stages it would be easier than doing it all in one go.

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living wage work



UNDER PRESSURE: At a meeting at the Leagrave Centre in December, schools in Luton were concerned about the living wage

"It gives them a chance to budget for it and it is up to each governing body to decide how they implement it. Some are doing it and some are not but my encouragement would be for them

"I do understand their argument and have sympathy with them but if you

retention, then I would encourage them to pay the living wage. "I would say please do con-

value your own staff and

sider it because you are going to have to budget for it for the future. According to a document published by the council,

only three schools are pay-

ing the previous voluntary rate of £7.25 with four not

implementing it at all. It states that wholesale adoption by schools of the £8.25 wage would cost an extra £270,000 per year for the eligible 1,321 employees.

Points raised during a consultation with schools on the matter included points that it was 'currently unaffordable and likely to impact on educational provision' while others said they were happy to continue to pay the current level of £7.85 hut feel that the increase could be detrimental.'
Gillian Owen, a spokes-

woman for the Living Wage Foundation, said all her organisation could do was 'champion' the rate and hope employers took it up. She said: "It depends on each school as to whether

they are part of a council or they are independent.

"But we as a foundation champion the voluntary rate whether it is a company or charity.
"We understand the pres-

sures, particularly at local authority level with the funding being cut but we do know that faith schools in particular are being encouraged by their leaders

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Good first year for disabled footballers

BY NICK SMITH

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LESS than a year after forming, Luton Town FC's disabled football club has tasted success, winning the Disability League Cup.

Over the last 12 months, the club has been working with Luton Borough Council's New Horizons programme, which supports adults with a learning disability to access opportunities in their communities.

The partnership led to the Community Trust creating two sponsored teams, the Hatters and the Boaters, and the club has been working alongside New Horizons to develop the players' skills and confidence.

Recently both teams competed in the local FA Disability League and were featured as part of the BBC's coverage of the People's FA Cup.

The Hatters have enjoyed success and were crowned champions of the local Disability League Cup.

They were presented with the trophy at Tuesday's home game against Yeovil.

Councillor Naseem Ayub, Luton Town FC Co

AMPIONS: The team were presented with the trophy on the field

CHAMPIONS: The team were presented with the trophy on the field at Kenilworth Road at half time during Tuesday night's match

Portfolio Holder with responsibility for adult social care, said: "Working with Luton Town has allowed us to offer more opportunities to our New Horizons customers.

New Horizons customers.

"It's been great to see their confidence and skills develop and I would like to offer my congratulations to both teams for being wonderful ambassadors for sport in Luton."

Kevin Thoburn, head of Luton Town FC Community Trust, said: "Working with the group has been hugely rewarding for all of our staff.

"Our role is to showcase the potential of people with disabilities and raise awareness of disability sport and the impact this can have on peoples' lives.

"The teams' recent success has been the result of lots of hard work in weekly training sessions and they are looking forward to the start of the summer leagues next month."





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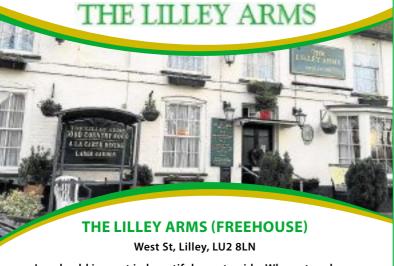
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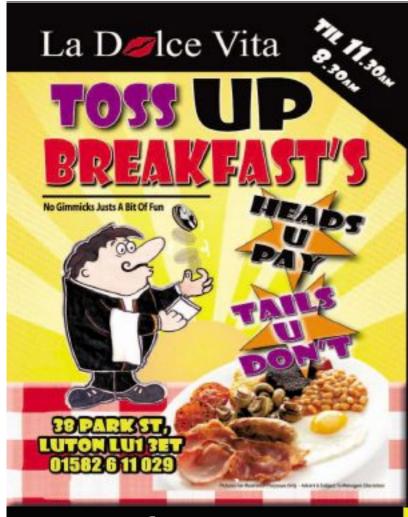
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MUSIC

Night of classical

MUSIC on Mondays has been known to bring some of the top classical musical talents to Luton and this week is no excep-

In just over a week we have acclaimed pianist Clare Hammond performing in Luton as part of a talented group of musicians brought together by acclaimed violinist Peter Busserau.

Bussereau returns with a quartet drawn from Bedfordshire's own professional orchestra Symphonia Academica in another

innovating programme.
Peter has long connections to Bedfordshire, which were cemented in September 2007, when he was awarded an Honorary Master of Arts degree from the new University of Bedfordshire - the first degree awarded by this new university for his services to music in the county

Renowned pianist Hammond will be joined by some of the UK's top musicians in support, including Bussereau and Marcus Broome on violins, Stephen Shakeshaft on viola and Julia Graham on

Claire Hammond has been named as a rising star by BBC Music Magazine and sold out Barbican Hall on her debut back in 2014, which brought more deserved attention to the young classical musician.

This year promises to be the biggest yet for her, where she makes her Royal Festival Hall debut with the Philharmonia, and embarks on a concerto tour of Poland and is due to appear at a number of UK festivals this summer.

She will also release her third album on BIS Records this year, following up to Etude, which received critical acclaim.

Hammond will play the repertoire she performed for her appearance as the young Mary Shepherd in the Alan Bennett 'The Lady in the Van', Chopin's lyrical 2nd Piano Concerto.

The programme also includes a world

première from Alex Woolf and music by John McCabe CBE, eminent composer and Luton Music's one time vice-president who died last year.

Tickets cost £15 for adults, including senior citizens.

There is a discount for registered students, the unemployed and disabled people for who tickets cost $\mathfrak{L}8$, while under 18s in education get in for free.

Tickets for the event are available from the Luton Library Theatre box office on 01582 878100 or on the door for the concert

OUT AND ABOUT

Flying caravans and car football



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drivers, including Ricardo Domingos all the way from SANTA POD Portugal, and riders perform eve-**FEBRUARY 20**

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watering feats and

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Tickets start at £9 and under 13s ao free. Visit stuntfest.co.uk for more information. VIP tickets cost £40 for adults and £20 for children.

Gates open at 10.30am on Saturday February 20, main attractions from 12.30-4pm.

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Sleeping Beauty (Russian State Ballet)

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Taste of what's on

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Starting off the month is a National Theatre screening of As You Like It on Thursday, March 3.

With her father the Duke banished and in exile, Rosalind and her cousin Celia leave their lives in the court behind them and journey into the Forest

There, released from convention. Rosalind experiences the liberating rush of transformation. Disguising herself as a boy, she embraces a different way of living and falls spectacularly in love.

Tickets are £15.

On Saturday, March 5, we have The Kast Off Kinks.

The band are actual former members of the legendary band, The Kinks

This great line-up features Mick Avory (the original drummer on all the classic hits from 1964-84), John Dalton (bass/vocals, Kinks 1966 and 1969-76). Ian Gibbons (keyboards/vocals. Kinks 1979-96) with Dave Clarke (gui tar/vocals, formerly of the Beach Boys, Noel Redding & Tim Rose).

Tickets are £18 to £20

On Thursday, March 10, funny man Sean Lock takes to the stage with his

first stand up show in three years.

One of the most famous and popular comedians on the UK circuit at the moment, this is a rare chance to see Sean (pictured) on your doorstep and is



one not to be missed.

Tickets are £23 and the show is strictly ages 15 and over.

On Friday, March 18 we have the Stateside phenomenon Soul Legends take over the building.

It's the smash-hit spectacular featur-

It's all aboard the soul train, embarking from soul's heady sixties origins... steaming, non-stop, through to the present day via everyone's favourite seventies and eighties dance classics.

Monday, March 28 ends with a

screening of Revelations (pictured)

This is an encore broadcast from the David H. Koch Theatre, New York City.

This is your chance to witness an iconic masterpiece of American dance. described by The New York Times as

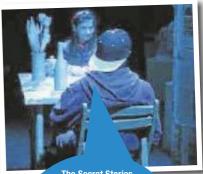
This stunning, soulful tour de force draws on African-American spirituals, song-sermons, gospel songs and holy blues

Tickets are £10.

You can book your seats for any of these shows by calling the box office on 01582 602080, or online at www. grovetheatre.co.uk

The website also has complete listing of films showing at the theatre for the spring film season.

What's hot in Luton



The Secret Stories of Haddock Farm is an online soap opera performed by a cast of young people with varying disabilities. Feb Fest is proud to host a live Omnibus screening of the soap. Expect drama, intrigue and a zany twist in this soap like no other!
The show is on at The Hat Factory in
Luton on February 15 from
6.30pm-7.30pm.
Tickets cost £4, to book call 01582 878100



COFFEE TIME

Starting from the central shaded letter, move one letter at a time (up, down, right or left, but not diagonally) to find 17 of the world's largest lakes

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TRANSFORMER

Add the given letter or What word links the

letters to the first word to make a new word. ___ + G

= G _____

Clue: Scope for creating the initial part of a strategy.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

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1. the back of the thigh:

a joint of meat; to overact:

an amateur enthusiast.

FIVE ALIVE

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which

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Can you find the celebrity name hidden in this vord? The letters in the starred squ make an anagram of the name CLUES DOWN

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4. Pictures (6)

5. Spectres (6)

7. Eliminate (6)

12. Tins (anag.) (4)

14. Regulation (4)

17. Repast (4)

18. Retained (4)

23. Card suit (6)

13. Draws off fluid (4)

19. Legal document (21. Modifies (6)

22. Extremely sad (6)

24. Arm covering (6)

25. Unlawful killing (6

26. Church reading (6

3. Head armour (6)

6. Root vegetable (6

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Boating (8)
- 8. Ensnared (6)
- 9. Frustrate (4)
- 10. In the past (3)
- 11. Dark image (6)
- 12. Charge for borrowing (8)
- 15. Position (6)
- 16. Cured (6)
- 20. Savours (6)
- 24. Specimen (6)
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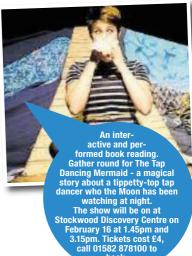
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Khoo what a tasty place

BRITISH-born Rachel Khoo is the poster girl for French cuisine with her sights set on cooking up a storm worldwide.

After working as a London fashion PR, a passion for patisserie lured her to Paris with £600 in her pocket. She worked as an au pair while learning to cook at the Le Cordon Bleu culinary school, then set up a pop-up restaurant in her minuscule flat.

It could only seat two diners at a time, but when dates were advertised on social media sites, they were often snapped up within 20 seconds.

The ambitious Khoo, inset, wrote two cookbooks in her adopted homeland before becoming known in the UK. In her first TV cookery show, The Little Paris Kitchen, she was shown whipping up French dishes in her tiny kitchen and living the Parisian dream.

Last year, she was one of the featured cooks in the BBC series A Cook Abroad which saw her



travel to Malaysia to explore her culinary heritage.

Khoo – who appeared in a recent M&S clothing campaign — is now in such demand that she's outgrown her first home in Hackney; the roving cook needs to head west as she regularly jets off around the world from Heathrow.

Her modern, bright two-bedroom apartment – on the

market for £435,000 – boasts an open-plan kitchen and reception with breakfast bar and sliding doors opening out to the balcony, where there's plenty of room for alfresco dining.

Unsurprisingly, she's got lots of shelves for cookbooks while smart storage and space saving ideas include a desk that transforms into a bed.

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Country house with a lot of fizz

ENGLISH wine isn't a bad dinner party joke any more, in fact it's a multi-million-pound business with our vino successfully taking on the Australians, French and Italians

Exports of English and Welsh wine were set to top £100m last year, two-thirds of it sparkling, as many English vineyards have similar soil and weather conditions to the Champagne region of France. French champagne house Taittinger recently announced plans to plant its first vineyards here.

If you fancy working from home and don't want to pop out to the local convenience store for a bottle of plonk anymore, here's a property with successful vineyard attached.

The 150-acre Kingscote Estate produces more than 100,000 bottles a year from its 15-acre vineyard, making a Bacchas Chardonnay, Fat Fumé and The



Bacchus. A new sparkling wine is due to be released in May while its two-acre apple orchard produces sparkling cyder.

At the centre of the estate is a plush grade II listed fivebedroom farmhouse that dates back to the 14th century, along with a 15th century tithe barn that's been converted into a visitor centre and cookery school. The estate also boasts a shop, office, fishing lakes and stables, and visitors can get vineyard tours, fish, shoot grouse or try clay pigeon shooting.

In the Sussex Weald near East Grinstead, it originally formed part of the 1,000-acre Gravetye Estate, which was once owned by the famous English horticulturalist William Robinson, who's referred to as the 'Father of the English country garden'.

It's on the market for £4.5m www.savills.com, 01444 446064

There's no more bunny business at Hugh's mansion



conic pleasure palace the Playboy Mansion has played host to hundreds of wild parties, where scantily-clad bunnies mixed with rich men and celebrities.

And while sales of the magazine fall as its nude pictures recently got the elbow, the mansion is still a destination for Hollywood's A-list. Leonardo DiCaprio, Rihanna and Naomi Campbell all went to a party there last year

Silk pyjama-wearing owner Hefner, inset, has told how he paid young women living at the Los Angeles mansion a \$1,000-a-week allowance in cash and held them to a 9pm curfew. However, British



glamour model Carla Howe revealed recently that it's more like a retirement home these days, with visitors most likely to see Hefner's nurses rather than lingerie-clad beauties wandering the grounds.

It's now up for sale at \$200m

although as a bizarre condition of the sale, Heffner,
so, would be allowed to live there for the rest of his life.

Built in 1927, the estate has been renovated and extended and now contains six bedrooms and bathrooms, a four-bedroom guest house, pool, tennis court, catering kitchen, wine cellar with a secret door, gym, zoo facilities, theatre with a built-in pipe organ, waterfall, four hot tubs, bathhouse and a grotto.

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Put yourself in the picture

landscape painter JMW Turner was inspired by the seaside town of Margate which featured in many of his seascapes.

But the fashionable Regency resort of the early 19th century had changed dramatically when filmmakers of the successful biopic Mr Turner turned up. They were worried it wouldn't reflect the period of the film – particularly because of its large modern Turner Contemporary gallery on the busy seafront – and turned to Cornwall instead, filming the Margate element in twin villages Kingsand and Cawsand.

The critically acclaimed 2014 movie about the last 25 years of the 'painter of light's' life and

Spall, inset, the best actor award at Cannes. During the film the eccentric artist travels, paints, is a popular, if anarchic member, of the Royal Academy of Arts, and is both celebrated and reviled.

Spall stayed at this twobedroom terraced cottage in Kingsand, right on the beach, where some of the film's scenes were also shot.

The current owners have lived there for the last 18 years, using

it as a main residence as well as a holiday let, pocketing about £800 a week during the summer

They've converted it from a three-bedroom cottage in order to add bedroom furniture and show off the sea views from its big master bedroom. It's on the market for £375,000.

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ing underground?

MOST of us don't mind spending our weekends making home improvements, but artist Antony Dracup took it to a whole new level – literally

The eccentric former owner of this unassuming terraced cottage in Bridgnorth. Shropshire, chiselled most of its sandstone basement by hand after deciding to extend a small existing cave in his garden. Son Dennis says his father also revolutionised the cottage by decorating every surface and adding an extra layer of bricks for noise

Dracup, who died in 2002 aged 72, chiselled away each day to create a huge entertaining space with vaulted ceilings and 24 pillars. He crafted gothic archways using recycled sand from the excavation, and the

result of his hard room and galley kitchen work was about 650sq ft of extra space.

His labour of love might look tiny on the outside, but look inside and you'll find two bedrooms, a

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Alwyn Close, Old Bedford Road Area £299,995

Beautifully maintained and rarely available two bedroom Chalet style property located in this quiet cul-desac just off the prestigious Old Bedford Road. Large entrance hall, refitted bathroom suite, 24ft lounge, diner, kitchen, two double bedrooms and a separate WC. Excellent potential to extend to create extra space in the loft or at the side above the garage. Externally the property has a stunning landscaped rear garden and block paved driveway. No upper chain complications. EPC commissioned.







Benington Close, Bushmead £399,995

Well maintain four bedroom detached family home which is nestled in this quite cul-de-sac. The home has been well cared for by the present owners and is offered in immaculate decorative order through out. Storm porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, diner, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, conservatory, first floor landing, master bedroom with fitted wardrobes and en-suite shower room, a further three bedrooms with fitted wardrobes and a family bathroom. The rear garden is totally enclosed. EPC commissioned







Hexton Road, Barton le Clay £210,000

OPEN DAY VIEWINGS FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY & SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY. CALL NOW TO REGISTER YOUR EARLY INTEREST. Delightful two bedroom character cottage. Well presented throughout and comprises to the ground floor of a lounge with a feature open fireplace, a kitchen (refitted in 2015) and a white three piece bathroom suite. The first floor provides a good size master bedroom accompanied by a second bedroom. Externally there is a mature enclosed rear garden. No onward chain EPC rating D.







Barton Road, Barton Road £925,000

INDIGO RESIDENTIAL ARE HOLDING AN OPEN-DAY ON SATURDAY 20TH OF FEBRUARY BETWEEN 12PM - 4PM. PLEASE CALL 01582 847800 TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TO VIEW. Delightful and spacious four/ five bedroom detached family home built in 1931. Spacious entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, dining room, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room and a utility area. To the first floor the accommodation comprises of four bedrooms, two with en-suites, bedroom five/study and a family bathroom. EPC rating D.







Grasmere Road, New Bedford Road Area £419,995

Exceptional three/four bedroom detached chalet style home. No expense has been spared extending, modernising, re-furbishing and remodeling the property. The presentation is exceptional with a very contemporary feel running throughout the open plan accommodation. Entrance hall, bathroom, lounge, master bedroom, stunning 21 ft. fitted kitchen/breakfast room that is open plan to a large 22 ft conservatory and family room, shower room and two further double bedrooms. EPC rating E.







New Bedford Road, New Bedford Road Area £575,000

Four bedroom detached family home. Spacious entrance hall, front reception, dining room, the living room is to the rear of the property and has been extended to create a large room with patio doors to the rear garden. There is also an additional reception room currently used as a study, kitchen/breakfast-room, four fantastic sized double bedrooms, the master with an en-suite shower room and the family bathroom. Driveway providing ample car parking and large secluded garden. EPC rating E.













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Winchester Gardens, Marsh Farm £155,000

2 bedroom extended detached bungalow with no upper chain complications. This property is a fantastic investment opportunity and would generate a rental income of approximately £750.00 per calendar month. The area has had Government grants allocated to improve housing and facilities. The property comprises of an entrance hall, open plan kitchen, lounge and dining room, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Externally there is a low maintenance rear garden. heating is efficient and economical via gas to radiator heating whilst the windows are double glazed. EPC rating D.







High Mead, Leagrave £275,000

Very well presented three bedroom traditional bay fronted semi detached property located in this sought after road in the heart of North Luton. In brief the property has an entrance, entrance hall, a bay fronted lounge/ diner and an extended kitchen with space for all appliances. To the first floor there are three excellent sized bedrooms and a family bathroom. Externally there is potential to extend (subject to planning permission) to the rear and also to the side. There is also a 19 foot brick built storage space with power and electric. EPC rating E.







Argyll Avenue, New Bedford Road Area £305,000

Stunning three bedroom extended semi detached property located in the much favoured New Bedford Road area of Luton. Internally the property has been totally refurbished and has a modern and contemporary feel throughout. Good sized hallway, downstairs refitted cloakroom, a stylish bay fronted lounge and an extended family room, kitchen, three well proportioned bedrooms and a refitted white bathroom suite. There is also potential to extended to the side (STPP) and to the front there is parking for 2 cars. EPC Rating E.







Grampian Way, Sundon Park £250,000

Fantastic three bedroom semi detached property. Entrance, hallway, a generous sized living room that leads on to a dining area and a fitted kitchen with space for all appliances. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a modern bathroom suite. Externally there is a shared driveway with a garage and an excellent rear garden approximately 100 foot with large patio and grassed areas. There is potential to extend to the rear (STPP). The property also comes with the added benefit of being chain free. EPC Rating D.







Tudor Road, Leagrave £275,000

Bay fronted semi detached property benefiting from two separate reception areas, a downstairs fitted cloakroom, a modern and contemporary kitchen/breakfast room with stainless steel style wall and base units with space for all appliances. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom plus on the second floor there is a large fourth bedroom with shower room. Externally the property has a low maintenance rear garden with metal gates for extra parking if required. EPC rating E.







Capron Road, Leagrave £349,000

Unique and quite superb 3/4 bedroom brand new Chalet bungalow with its own 60ft. private driveway in the much favoured Northern area of Luton. The property has recently been finished in early June 2015 and built individually by a local developer. Entrance hall with doors to two bedrooms both with bay windows, a study and a stunning fitted family bathroom, lounge/dinner is open plan with the kitchen and is 21ft x 21ft, two double bedrooms plus an en suite. Externally the property has a re laid rear garden with patio.



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London Road, South Luton £800,000

Beautifully presented and spacious traditional Tudor style property built circa 1920, with the current owners keeping many of the original features. Entrance lobby/hall, downstairs cloakroom, two extremely large reception rooms, conservatory, L shaped kitchen/breakfast/dining area, four generous sized bedrooms with the added benefit of an en-suite to master, large family bathroom comprising of a four piece suite including seperate shower cubicle. There is also a loft room. EPC rating D.







Tameton Close, Wigmore £435,000

OPEN DAY 13-2-16 BETWEEN 1-2PM. Well presented four bedroom detached family home positioned in a cul-de-sac location in the sought after Wigmore area of Luton. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hallway, cloakroom, two seperate reception rooms with the dining room to the front, kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, four bedrooms with the master benefiting from an en-suite. The property also benefits from having the potential to extend. (subject to planning permission). EPC rating D







Clevedon Road, Stopsley £260,000

Two/three bedroom bungalow with scope to extend (subject to planning permission). Entrance hallway with a newly fitted front door with wooden flooring and hatch to the loft space. Main reception room, kitchen, two/ three good sized bedrooms, family bathroom. Externally there is a detached garage mainly used for storage, a patio area, storage shed and is mainly laid to lawn. There is further scope subject to the usual planning permissions to the side and rear. Ideally located under a mile from Stopsley Village. EPC rating E







Pevensey Close, Putteridge £375,000

Beautiful detached home located in an extremely sought after location of Putteridge. Entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, four well proportioned bedrooms, two doubles and $two \ large \ singles \ and \ family \ bathroom. \ Externally \ the \ property \ has \ an \ easily \ maintained \ rear \ garden \ which$ is mainly laid to lawn and has a decked seating area at the back. To the front there is a large drive which offers parking for two cars and an integral garage. EPC commissioned.







Tavistock Crescent, South Luton £180,000

OPEN DAY 13-2-16 BETWEEN 1-2PM Larger than average two/three bedroom mid terrace property. Briefly comprising of two separate reception rooms leading onto the kitchen, utility area which then leads onto the downstairs shower and WC. At the rear of the property is the extension that could be used as the third bedroom, two double bedrooms both with double glazing and a large family three piece bathroom. Low maintenance rear garden and permit parking at the front. EPC commissioned







Bracklesham Gardens, Stopsley £270,000

Chain free well presented end terraced house in Stopsley. Briefly comprising of an entrance porch, good sized lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, three bedrooms comprising of two doubles and a single. The family bathroom which was has a white three piece suite, panelled walls and new lino flooring. The low maintenance garden has been landscaped. Garage which can be easily accessed via a gate in the rear garden and a driveway which is big enough for around three cars. EPC commissioned.













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Somersby Close, South Luton £850

An extremely well presented two bedroom cluster home located in the popular South Luton area. The accommodation comprises; entrance hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, master bedroom with fitted wardrobes, second bedroom with fitted wardrobes and refitted bathroom suite with shower facility. Externally the property offers a garden area and allocated parking. The property is offered unfurnished and is available from mid-late February. Call today to book your viewing! EPC Rating: C







Oregon Way, Barton Hills £725

A well presented one bedroom cluster home with garden located in the highly sought after Barton Hills area of Luton. The accommodation comprises; entrance porch, living room, dining area, refitted kitchen, mezzanine style bedroom and refitted shower room. Externally the property benefits from parking and an enclosed garden. The property is available now and is offered unfurnished. EPC: C





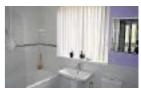


Penda Close, Bramingham Green £595

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Links Way, Warden Hills £1,100

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William Court, Leagrave £850

An extremely well presented two double bedroom first floor apartment located in the highly sought after Leagrave area of Luton. The accommodation comprises; entrance hall, open plan re-fitted kitchen/living room, two double bedrooms, ensuite to master and re-fitted bathroom suite. Externally the property benefits from two secure allocated parking spaces. Other benefits include gas central heating and double glazing. The property is offered unfurnished and is available immediately. EPC Rating B.







Hatton Place, Town Centre £800

An extremely well presented two double bedroom third floor executive apartment located in centre of Luton Town. The accommodation comprises; entrance hall, living room, refitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, further double bedroom and refitted family bathroom suite. The property is offered unfurnished and is available immediately. Call today to arrange your viewing. EPC Rating: D

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Need advice on 'Right to rent'? asks Connells

With the Government's 'Right to rent' legislation coming into play on 1st February, local lettings agency Connells in **Luton** is advising landlords to ensure they are fully informed of what this means for them. The local Connells team can help to prepare landlords for the new rules, and is urging anyone with any questions to come in and speak to them.

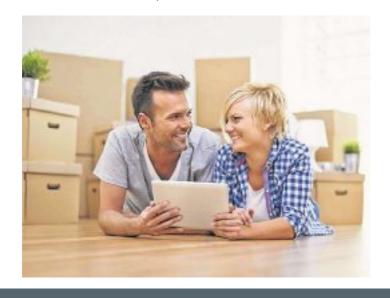
The 'Right to rent' legislation requires all landlords in England to carry out immigration checks on tenants starting a tenancy on or after 1st February to ensure they are legally allowed to live and rent in the UK.

"It's important that landlords are fully aware of this new legislation and of the risks that they face if they don't comply with the Government's rules," says **Ben Stagnall**, **Lettings Manager** at Connells **Luton**. "Landlords could face up to £3,000 in fines for renting a property to someone illegally, so we are urging them to make sure they understand the process and recognise the relevant documentation.

Ben continues: "Some of the branches in the Connells network have been piloting the Right to rent scheme for over a year already and all of our lettings staff have recently received full training on the new legislation, so we are well-positioned to offer expert advice and guidance to landlords. We offer a comprehensive, quality lettings service, and keeping our landlords informed and up-to-date is just part of that."

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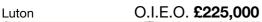




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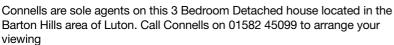
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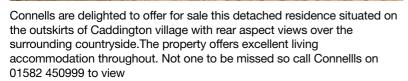




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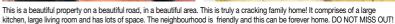


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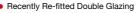






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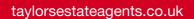
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7th February 2016

Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

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Austin Road.	From its junction with Nunnery Lane to its junction with Culverhouse Road.	1st March 2016 – 3rd March 2016.
Bishopscote Road.	The whole length.	1st March 2016 - 3rd March 2016.
Copse Way.	The whole length.	31st March 2016 - 1st April 2016.
Grampian Way.	The whole length.	31st March 2016 – 4th April 2016.
Nunnery Lane.	From its junction with Trinity Road to its junction with Moat Lane.	22 nd March 2016 – 24 th March 2016.
Trinity Road.	From its junction with Bancroft Road to its junction with Nunnery Lane.	1st March 2016 – 3rd March 2016.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (COLLINGDON STREET) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

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The Order will come into operation on 13th April 2016 and cease operation after 15th April 2016 or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is earlier. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

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The purpose of the Order is to facilitate BT maintenance works.

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SCHEDULE

	LENGTH OF ROAD
Park Street West.	From its junction with Flowers Way to its junction with A505 Park Viaduct.

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (ALBERT ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

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The fourth-generation Kia Sportage features a bold new look, with the vehicle's designers creating a sense of sporty and powerful energy from every angle.
The attractive 'face' of the



Sportage features the biggest change to the car's design over the outgoing model, with Kia's hallmark 'tiger-nose' grille and the car's headlamps separated for the new model. GT Line models develop the exterior look further, featuring new 'ice-cube' LED fog lamps, inspired by those found on the high-powered cee'd GT, and aluminium-effect skid plates.

The all-new Sportage maintains its highly-recognisable profile, with a 30 mm longer wheelbase (now 2,670 mm), 40 mm greater overall vehicle length (to 4,480 mm) and longer, more aerody-namic rear spoiler resulting in a more swept-back shape.
At the rear, the new Sportage

features more horizontal forms and clearly defined features lines,

with smooth bodywork on the tailgate, emphasising the car's width and giving the compact SUV a more stable appearance. Inspired by the 2013 Kia Provo concept, slim combination lamps running along a horizontal parallel are joined together by a strip that runs the width of the rear, while the turn signals and reversing lights are separate, located lower down to add more visual weight to the lower half. The Kia Sportage GT Line also features dual exhaust pipes and metaleffect rear underbody diffuser for

a sportier appearance.
The attractive new design also makes this the most aerodynamic Sportage to date, with drag reduced from 0.35 to 0.33 Cd – a result of the re-profiled undercover and newly-designed bump-

The all-new Sportage is available with a choice of 16-, 17- or 19-inch aluminum alloy wheel designs, while the GT Line specification comes with a unique 19-inch wheel option as standard.

The Sportage boasts an all-new interior, representing one of the most significant improvements over the third-generation car. The focus for the design team behind the new interior was to create a cabin which offered a wide, driver-oriented dashboard, with a simple, modern design. The interior blends metalwork with softtouch materials and clearly defined horizontal lines, portraying a high level of mechanical precision.

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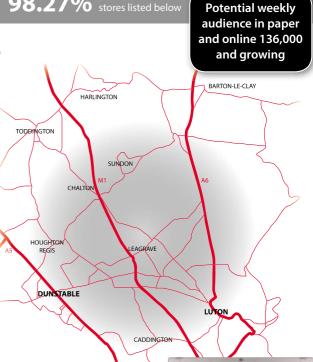
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The Toyota Auris has evolved into something wholly desirable. The problem is, UK buyers haven't twigged just yet. This revised version might well help the penny drop, with cleaner styling inside and out, more efficient engines and the usual British-built Toyota integrity.

With the original version of this

second generation model, Toyota already offered a wide selection of engines, including diesel, petrol and hybrid options, but things are getting a bit more interesting again with the introduction of a 1.2-litre turbo petrol unit and a 1.6-litre turbodiesel. The 1.33-litre and 1.6-litre petrol powerplants continue, as does the I.4-litre D4-D turbodiesel. the latter being heavily revised to make it the cleanest diesel engine in the 90PS class. The sprint to 62mph takes 12.5 seconds en route to 112mph. That's not bad for an entry-level diesel.

The freshly-developed 1.2T direct injection turbocharged unit develops 115PS, while the 1.6

turbodiesel is good for 111PS. The Auris' suspension has been revised, with a choice of two rear ends. For the slightly faster models, there's a double wishbone system (offered on the 1.2T and 1.6 Valvematic petrol variants, plus the 1.6 D-4D diesel and the 1.8 Hybrid). Less powerful versions though, get a simpler torsion bar set-up (used on the 1.3 WT-i petrol variant and the feebler 1.4 D-4D diesel).

The cabin benefits from better quality materials and a lower profile dashboard, with cleanerlooking dials and a more consistent use of grains, illumination and typefaces across the fascia. Many details, such as the air vents, doorhandles and gear lever surround, have been redesigned to give a crisper, high-quality appearance. There's also a Touring Sports estate version on offer if you need a bit more hauling

space.
The Toyota Auris is a car whose appeal is, to many, so hard to fathom that it never really challenges the top contenders. The reason? It's struggled to shake off the stigma of being a bit, well, boring. But here's the thing. This latest car isn't bland at all. It's a family hatchback that's been designed with care, built with diligence and which is better looking than most rivals in its class. You just know it'll be incredibly reliable and there's no shortage of customer choice.



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Volkswagen is enhancing the appeal of more of its core models with the debut this month of a number of eye-catching special editions. Available to order now the new cars share the attractive qualities of enhanced styling, a richer mix of equipment and keen

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races in the 1950s and 1960s, powered by four-cylinder 'boxer' engines. It also sits neatly beside the established sports car icons with numbered identities – 718 Boxster, 911 Carrera, 918 Spyder, 919 Hybrid.

Boost To Plug-In Car Uptake



Yesterday, (Monday 25 January), eight cities have been awarded a multimillion pound investment from

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Six Nations: Lessons learned?

IN the next six weeks, we'll find out exactly how much rugby in the Northern Hemisphere has learned from a World Cup that ended up being dominated by the giants from the South.

Aside from a dramatic final day in last year's championship, the Six Nations has recently become characterised by sheer brute force, rather than the actual quality of rugby on display.

Don't get me wrong, the spectacle of watching Wales and Ireland smash each other into submission in Cardiff last March was a gripping one, but look what happened to those two countries at crunch time in the autumn.

Despite a terrific effort at Twickenham, the Welsh were undone by South Africa – thanks to a wondrous offload by Duane Vermeulen to set up Fourie du Preez's winning try.

It was a piece of skill that

It was a piece of skill that no-one in this part of the world expects to see from a forward, and it was an ace no-one in a red shirt expected the Springboks to have up their sleeve following a scrum.

Also, Ireland's back-to-back



Six Nations titles counted for nothing as Argentina played at a pace and intensity they simply couldn't live with as they were well beaten in the quarter finals. England and France had

England and France had already suffered humiliations at the hands of Australia and New Zealand respectively as any Northern Hemisphere interest was snuffed out with two weeks of the competition still to play.

Yesterday may have given us some pointers as to what we can expect going forward, such as whether France really are going to start showing some of the joie de vivre they were once famous for.

Let's hope so – les Bleus can be compared to Manchester United in the way that one of the most thrilling teams to watch in sport became one of the most dull and arduous.



BATTLE COMMENCED: Every side in the Six Nations will be hoping to improve on their World Cup efforts

England aren't starting from scratch in quite the same way, judging by their team selection in Scotland, but there needs to be no more pledging to play an all-court game only to resort to conservatism the following week, although you get the

feeling Eddie Jones' plan for the Red Rose will be more coherent than what went before.

We'll find out this year whether Scotland are on their way to becoming more of a force in the Six Nations after years of being also-rans. Their performances in the World Cup were as encouraging as anything they've produced for a long time, and it would do the championship a world of good to see them being competitive at last.

Not many seem to be holding out the same hope for Italy, and it's hard to see them being anything other than

wooden spoon candidates.
The game of the opening weekend, on paper at least, takes place at the Aviva Stadium this afternoon as Ireland and Wales get ready to collide again.

In contrast, Wales have been rated by most as favourites for the championship, due to their settled, experienced and powerful line-up.

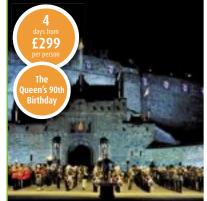
But it would be nice to see more variation from them as their lack of a Plan B under Warren Gatland has made them predictable at times.

Their Grand Slam four years ago, when they never seemed to get out of third gear, showed how far standards had slipped in the Northern Hemisphere. Hopefully, there isn't the same hand-wringing come the end of March.

PS. In light of the England cricket team's win over South Africa this week under the Duckworth-Lewis method, any advanced mathematicians out there capable of explaining this baffling process are asked to get in touch, as it soars well over the heads of us mere mortals.

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Luton miss out in the semifinals of East Midlands Cup

RUGBY ROUND-UP

Luton crashed out of the East Midlands Cup this weekend, losing 29-17 to Bedford Athletic in the semi-final, despite leading 12-10 at the interval.

Two tries at either end of the first half gave Luton their half-time lead, Steve Allen drew first blood after 19 minutes to give them a 5-0 advantage, he then added a second in response to an Ath converted try by Steve Smith and penalty to send Luton in ahead.

If the side bottom of London One North had been able to hold on to this lead, it would have been a shock as Ath are top of Midlands One East.

Ath scored their second try of the afternoon at the start of the second half through Rob Watkins and then Josh Cassell added a third five minutes later to extend their lead to 24-12. The game was killed off as contest on the hour as Liam Walsh scored Ath's fourth try of the afternoon, though this time the conversion was missed, to extend their advantage to 29-12; a late Alex Dola-Lami try narrowed the deficit to 29-17 though did little to threaten the result.

"We followed our game plan really tightly," said



SQUEEZED OUT: Luton were unable to hold on to a half-time lead

Luton's manager Dicky Jones, "we were very aware that their backs are really strong and we set a plan to suffocate them – and we did that for 35 minutes, but then at the end of the half they scored ten points, and then we came back out and conceded two tries that, unfortunately, put the game beyond us.

"We carried on fighting, and in fairness, the scoreline didn't really reflect the
game – we missed a couple
of chances we should've
taken, and gave them one
or two tries we shouldn't
have; if things had gone for
us the game could have finished very differently – and
let's not forget, we were

playing a team that haven't lost for 16 weeks and look to have sewn up their division already.

"Today, we've shown our game plan can work - the boys have taken it on board, and we can take a lot of positives out of today's performance, as we can as coaches", said Jones.

Elsewhere, Dunstablians' semi-final clash with Bedford Swifts was postponed, and so will need to wait until to try and book their place in what will be their second successive final, while Stockwood Park's progress in the same competition was similarly postponed until a later

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Sport on sunday

Relentless Luton do Jones proud

LUTON TOWN

BY MARK WOOD

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'Outstanding' Luton were praised by new boss Nathan Jones, who felt they were finally the 'relentless' force he had asked for in the second half of their 1-0 victory at Wycombe yesterday.

However, he admitted he was disappointed by how they had started, saying: "We were nowhere near where we were like on Tuesday in terms of fluency, in terms of the way we played, but that's a credit to Wycombe, they came out of the blocks, they were sharp, they were on it and we were lucky not to be one or two down if I'm honest. We didn't start well enough.

"I asked for a word today, I asked them to be 'relentless' and we weren't. We didn't start that way, so overall, really, really delighted with the win, but I felt we rode our luck early on.

"We've got to be better than that. We've got to be better than that on second balls. We had an extra man in midfield and they dominated in midfield so that wasn't acceptable."

It was a different story after the break, though, as he continued: "But I'm so, so proud of them for the second half performance. I thought they were absolutely outstanding, to come away from home that type of performance will do for me.

do for me.

"Today I asked them to be relentless and they were second half. The challenging, the workrate, what we didsuperb. And that goal was fitting to win any game,

another worldie."

Cameron McGeehan was thrilled to see his fabulous strike dip in for the winner as he made it 10 goals for the season. And while he wants to keep on finding the net for the rest of the season, he is also determined to improve his all-round game and the impact he has on matches.

He added: "I think it was a tough first 20, so we needed a bit of magic to get us kicked on. Luckily the ball fell to me, and I've obviously been practising it and practising my shooting every day and working hard on it and scored some goals this season, so it was a good strike. I haven't watched it back yet, but it was a good strike and I was happy to get the goal for the team.

"Once I've hit it and see it drop in with those ones they can go... I've hit a few into row Z at Kenilworth Road so it was nice for one to nestle



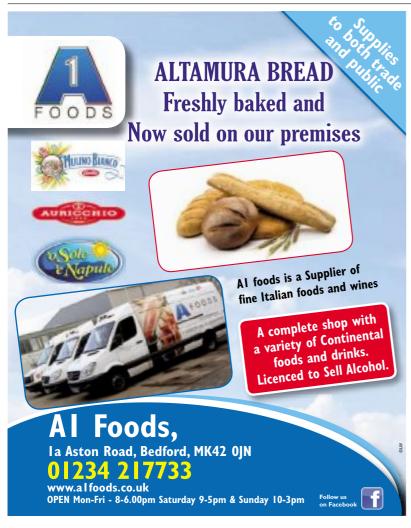
in. If I can just keep repeating the form in the terms of goals I've scored, 10 so far, keep trying and keep working hard, chances will come and goals will come.

"But, like I said, it's not important, I want to be better as a team and I want my all-round game to be better as well because it think that's

been lacking sometimes." Skipper Scott Cuthbert was pleased with another shutout as Luton made it three clean sheets from their last five matches.

He added: "It was a fantastic result, we know how Wycombe set up. They are really direct, they put you under a lot of pressure, espe-

cially when they win set plays and corners In our half. They throw it in, they get it in the box and you have to stay strong with it. It wasn't our best performance, but defensively we were excellent all over the pitch and it was great to get a 1-0 result here because it's a tough place to come."





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A wonder-strike by Luton's top scorer earns precious win for Hatters

A perfect ten for McGeehan

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS

A Cameron McGeehan blockbuster earned the Hatters a hard-fought 1-0 victory at Wycombe Wanderers yester-

It was a perfect 10 from Town's leading scorer as he made it double figures for the season in a game they could have won by more, as they stretched their unbeaten run

at Adams Park to 11 games.

The Chairboys bossed the first half, but McGeehan's wonder strike put their noses in front. Town were on top throughout the second period and had several chances to add to their lead, while a pro-fessional foul on Alex Lawless went unpunished.

The hosts started by far the

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better of the two sides and some haphazard defending from the Hatters almost let them in on 35 seconds. Jake Howells and Scott Cuthbert both threw themselves at the ball but failed to clear as the ball almost ran to Paul Hayes, but Elliot Justham was quickly off his line to intervene

Paris Cowan-Hall cut along the edge of the box as he stroked tamely at Justham before a well-worked corner routine saw Jason McCarthy drive into the side netting on the volley.

Town were struggling to get into the game as an Alan Sheehan mistake allowed ex-Hatter Michael Harriman to gallop clear but he could only pull wide under pressure from Cuthbert. With 10 minutes of the half left, Town finally started to come into the game a little. Cuthbert's knockdown from a dangerous free-kick found no takers, while Craig Mackail-Smith finally found some space, but lashed well

over from 30 yards.

Out of nothing though Luton snatched the lead when McGeehan found some space on the left and arched an unstoppable dipping strike into the top right-hand corner past the despairing dive of the previously untroubled Ryan Allsop as he raced back downfield to celebrate with Town's

travelling army of fans.

The visitors should have doubled their lead in the opening moments of the second half when Lawless's cross come hour tranta McCocker of somehow ran to McGeehan at the far post but he was unable to bundle home.

Town continued to press as Sido Jombati was booked for catching Mackail-Smith in the face and Sheehan then protested as he looked to be hauled over in the box, before seeing his teasing cross float right across the face of goal.

Wycombe thought they had equalised when they headed home at the far post, but had only been able to do so by



MATCH WINNER: Cameron McGeehan scored the only goal as he made it double figures for the season

fouling Justham as their celebrations were cut short.

A dreadful refereeing decision then went against the Hatters when Lawless outmuscled McCarthy before going tumbling on the edge of the area. However, a certain red and possible penalty failed to materialise as the referee waved play on much to the

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disbelief of the away support and the incandescent Lawless. Hatters had finally taken

charge of the game and twice went close in the space of a minute. Sub Paul Benson's flick released Mackail-Smith who stepped past his man, but his effort from the byline shaved the far post, while Howells' cross then found Marriott at the far post as his effort was beaten away by the

Six minutes were added and Luton almost doubled their lead deep into injury time when Mpanzu led a surging counter and, although his effort was blocked behind, Luton had already done









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